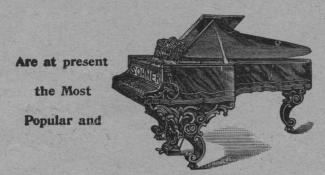


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A contract has been made by the Bureau of Music of the World's Fair for four weeks of Sousa's Band at the opening of the Exposition in May.

Features of the music programme for the Exposition period, which were given out by Director of Exhibits Skiff, reveal the appropriation of \$450,000 by the Exposition management to provide music.

Prizes aggregating \$30,000 will be given for band concerts, and prizes amounting to \$25,000 for the choral recitals. Concerts on the grounds by brass bands will be given in the morning, afternoon and evening.

Orchestral concerts and organ recitals will alternate at 4 o'clock in the afternoon of each Exposition day. The organ recitals will be given by the most distinguished American organists and a celebrated French virtuoso and and composer, who will be heard in a series of recitals.

The organ for these recitals will be the largest in the world, having 140 speaking stops, twelve more than the great instrument at Sydney, Australia. Organ and choral concerts will take place in Festival Hall, the center of the Cascade Garden picture.

At intervals choruses from the principal cities of the country, and especially in the Central West, will appear on days assigned to certain States. Soloists will be heard at the various orchestra, organ and choral concerts, and the best talent in the country will be drawn on for this purpose.

In arranging the details it has been decided that in open-air music the programmes will follow the lines of popular interest, generally avoiding performances of a severely classical nature. The experience of the Chicago, Paris and smaller expositions has determined this plan.

Indoor concerts, those to take place in Festival Hall, will be of a standard sufficiently elevating to meet the approval of serious musicians. A satisfactory compromise in the make-up of the programmes eliminates very heavy features. Works of American composers will be used as much as possible, but selections from foreign composers will be frequent. The best published and unpublished native compositions will receive a hearing.

Manager Stewart has been authorized to go aboard to engage the bands, as well as a distinguished orchestral conductor, and an organist of international fame. Alfred Ernst, conductor of the St. Louis Orchestra, will be employed by the bureau. Other conductors of national standing will also be engaged.

Ernest R. Kroeger of St. Louis, master of programmes, has been instructed to make arrangements for choral recitals and to negotiate with leading organists in the United States for organ recitals. The St. Louis Orchestra which will be engaged will have about eighty-five men, mostly from the St. Louis Choral-Symphony Society, the other members being selected from great Eastern orchestras.

A uniform admission of 25 cents will be charged for all concerts and recitals in Festival Hall. The band concerts in stands about the grounds will be free, except for small inclosures immediately around the stands, the admission being a small fee.

The official staff of the bureau, as completed, includes George D. Markham of St. Louis, chief of the bureau, in supervising charge; George W. Stewart, of Boston, manager of the bureau, and Ernest R. Kroeger, master of programmes. This organization makes Mr. Markham responsible to the director of exhibits for the success of the Exposition music.

The composition for Emperor William's singing contest at Frankfort, selected after open competition, is by George Messner, an artillery officer (on the active list) of Breslau. The title is "The Song of Victory after the Battle with Varus."

ANGUAGE AND MUSIC.

According to Edward Mac-Dowell, language and music have nothing in common. In one way, that which is melodious in verse becomes doggerel in music, and meter is hardly of value. Sonnets in music become abominable. 'I have made many experiments for finding the effinity of language and music," says this well-known pianist and composer in an exchange. "The two things are diametrically opposed, unless music is free to distort syllables. A poem may be of only four words, and yet those four words may contain enough suggestion for four pages of music; but to found a song on those four words would be impossible. For this reason the paramount value of the poem is that of its suggestion in the field of instrumental music, where a single line may be elaborated upon.

"In this it elaborates, it extends, and conveys so much of the thought beauty that it embodies. To me, in this respect, the poem holds its highest value of suggestion. The value of poetry is what makes you think. A short poem would take a life-time to express; to do it in as many bars of music is possible. The words clash with the music, they fail to carry the full suggestion of the poem. If music stuck to the meter in the poem it would often be vulgar music. Verses that rhyme at the end of every phrase make poor settings to music. Many serious poems in meter of that kind fall short of expression in musical setting. For instance, you can take very serious words and make them absolutely ridiculous. In the setting of words and music the one can absolutely deny and distort the other.

"The main point is to hold closely to the ideal beauty of the song-to sustain the balance of art. English presents great difficulties in the matter of accents, but the French none. English being on a different basis, the accent changes the meaning of the word entirely. In French the syllable may fall on any beat of the measure, but not so in English or German. Many poems contain syllables ending with 'e' or other letters not good to sing. Some exceptionally beautiful poems possess this shortcoming, and, again, words that prove insurmountable abstacles. I have in mind one by Aldrich in which the word 'nostrils' occurs in the very first verse, and one cannot do anything with it. Much of the finest poetry-for instance, the wonderful writings of Whitman-proves unsuitable, yet it has been undertaken.

"In the choice of words for song-settings Heine proves the most singable. In the writings of Goethe many poems are eminently singable in every way. Many of the earlier poems by Howells posses these high qualities. The fugitive poems to be found full play to the fancy and ideal." floating in the newspapers often prove excellent material for song-setting.

'A song, if all dramatic, should have climax, form and plot, as does a play. Words to me seem so paramount and, as it were, apart in value from the musical setting, that, while I cannot recall the melodies of many of those songs that I have written, the words of them are indelibly impressed upon my that they are very ready of recall. The poetic Extra Dry Imperial Champagne.

significance is invincible, the thought touched me. Music and poetry cannot be accurately stated unless one has written both.

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It is said that the ear can distinguish eleven octaves of sound, but as a rule those made by quick, short vibration are most easy conveyed. For instance, the whir of a locust makes more distinct impression than the sighing of the wind through the trees. A whirlwind in its approach is noiseless; it is only when it strikes some abstacle that the volume of sound becomes terrific to us. Then we receive the secondary shorter waves from the destruction of this obstacle.

Tyndall says all friction is rhythmic. Flames are notoriously sensitive to sound. They will bend and flicker, and even respond with a leap of quivering light to a high, shrill sound. This is another interesting experiment. If we use a glass tube with a small jet of gas, by lowering or raising it to certain points we can cause it to shriek out shrilly or to answer sympathetically to its own keynote when sung or spoken by the yoice.

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EEING THE EVIL OF THEIR WAYS.

Some recent events indicate that in some parts of Europe this country is still considered the land of ignorance in music, to be exploited by sensational methods; but the truth is being recognized gradually. In a sense New York has become the great finishing school in opera, developing the younger and refining the older artists, taking every one of them at their true value and without regard to European prestige.

It is worthy of note, says Music Trade Review, that a change has come over the German critics. Heretofore it has been their custom to declare that their singers were spoiled in America. Every unprejudiced writer of music knows that the contrary is the case. Lili Lehmann may be cited as a striking example. New York has made the reputation of many singers and fixed the status of others who enjoyed fictitious artistic reputations. In the last few months several German critics have admitted this. One of them, who writes in the Hamburger Nachrichten, said

recently that Schumann-Hink, who some years was a singer with a fine natural voice, is now a finished artist.

Unless the art of an operatic artist is so admirable as to compensate for vocal shortcomings—as in the case of Van Dyck—the American verdict is based on voice and method. If Anthes sings a few years he will then justify his Dresden reputation. Gerheauser, who is liked in Germany, has gone back a sadder and wiser man.

All this is logical. The environment of the principal singers of the world must of necessity exert a beneficial influence. If Gadski had remained in Europe she would never have become what she is to-day, a great dramatic singer, equally at home in the roles of German and Italian opera, as Sieglinde, Elizabeth, Santuzza, Valentia and Aida.

Music and Song have specially been useful stimuli to work, partly to overcome natural laziness or inertia, partly to effect unison in the actions of several workers; for instance, the regularity of the action of many peoples is explicable as a result of the rhythmical songs by which their work is accompanied. This applies with equal force to war; hence, it is not surprising to find highly developed choral dances in those peoples in whose life war is a customary occurrence. The need of stimulation is never so great as when a man has to risk his life in an open battle, and with this end in view the military singers of some tribes are able to work themselves and their audience up to a pitch of frenzy which is almost equal to that produced by the dances.

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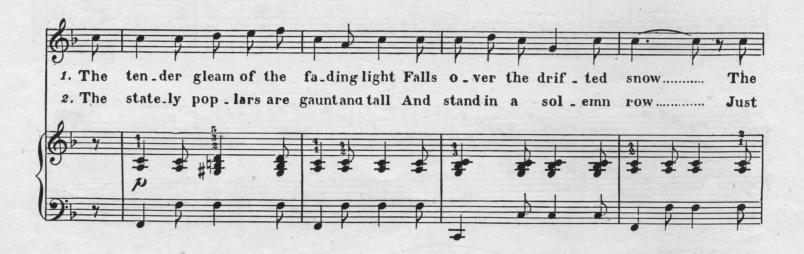
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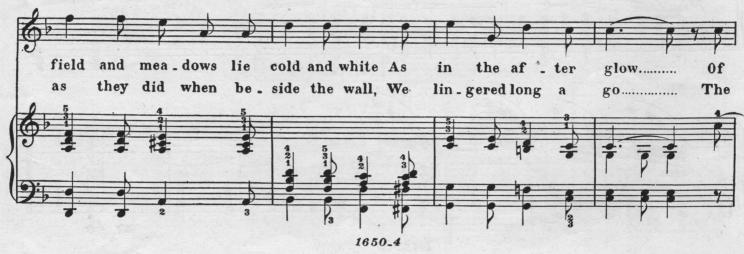
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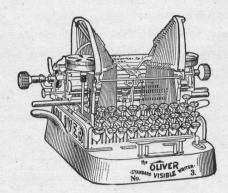
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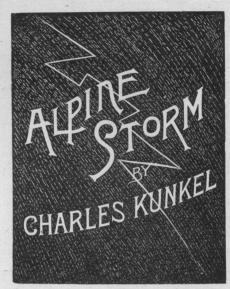
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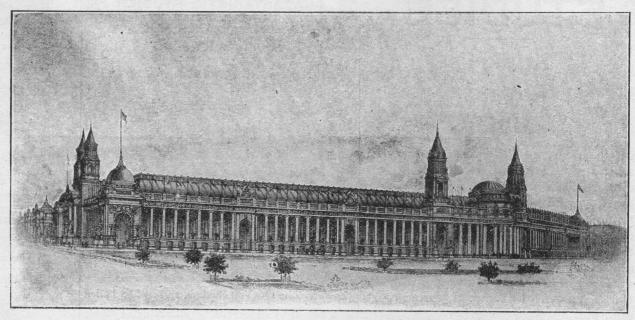
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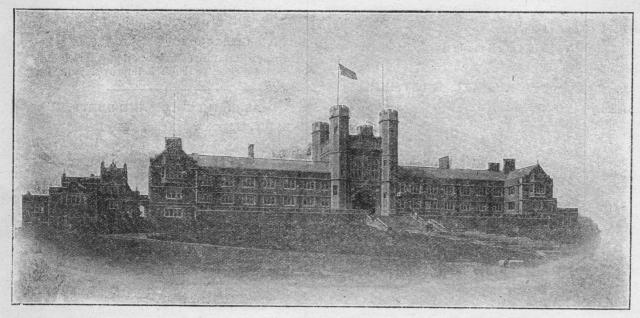
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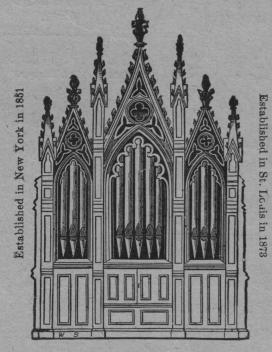
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